

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

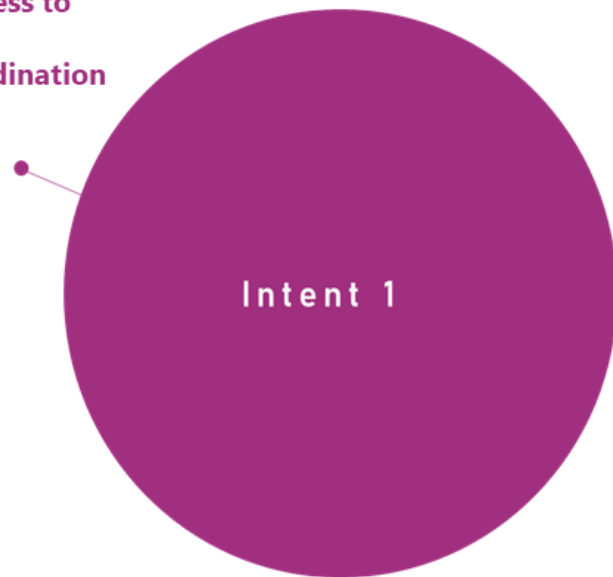
Circling Star – Recommendation 3

Recommendation Summary: Establish a concerted cross-sectoral process to reduce perceived and real jurisdictional boundaries that prevent access and coordination of services.

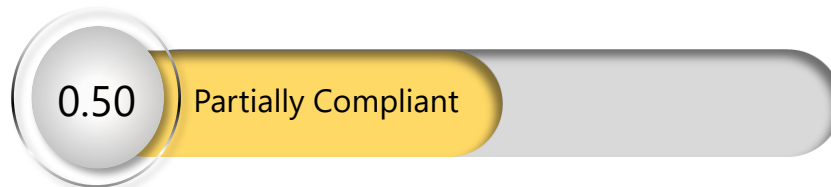
Primary Public Body: Manitoba Mental Health and Community Wellness

1. Implement Virgo recommendation 5.4: establish a concerted cross-sectoral process to reduce perceived and real jurisdictional boundaries that prevent access and coordination of services.

The Huddle Manitoba initiative has been expanded with an investment of \$1.05M annually to create five additional youth service hubs. Mental Health reported additional funding of \$342K for the provision of emergency psychiatry assessments to rural and First Nations communities which currently lack access. These initiatives, however, are not specifically designed for children and youth. The department also reported a new position of Manager of Mental Health and Addictions Intake that will improve coordination of child and youth intake. More information and evidence are needed to demonstrate how these initiatives are enhancing cross-sectoral support for children and youth.



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Recommendation Compliance Summary

In accordance with subsection 11(1) clause (d) of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act* (ACYA), the Advocate retains the responsibility "to monitor the implementation of recommendations included in reports made under section 27 (investigation) or special reports made under section 31."

This form details the assessment of implementation of compliance made under the referenced subsection of the ACYA. MACY assesses implementation of compliance with recommendations once a year but receives updates from public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Special Report Name:	Documenting the Decline: The Dangerous Space Between Good Intentions and Meaningful Interventions
Date Released:	10/19/2018
Full Recommendation: (including details)	<p>Recommendation Three:</p> <p>The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends the Department of Health, Seniors and Active Living implement, in full, recommendation 5.4, per the Virgo report, as follows: "Establish a concerted cross-sectoral process to reduce perceived and real jurisdictional boundaries that challenge access to, and coordination of, services. The process of developing this [Manitoba's Mental Health and Addictions] Strategy, as well as any new opportunities and resources for working together (e.g., through Jordan's Principle), should be viewed as an accelerator of a new period of trust and collaboration based on shared beliefs and strengths among all partners, and should include an interest in wellness, hope and families/community health."</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Specifically, provisions in the following areas are needed within Manitoba's Mental Health and Addictions Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-discharge supports for children and youth who have experienced mental health concerns, including addictions issues; • A continuum of services, reflective of culturally-safe and trauma-informed approaches, for all of Manitoba's children and youth, including Indigenous children and youth, and those who live in First Nations communities; and • A continuity of care model that ensures equitable standards of service when First Nations children and youth return to their home communities.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	The intent of the recommendation is to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement Virgo recommendation 5.4: establish a concerted cross-sectoral process to reduce perceived and real jurisdictional boundaries that prevent access and coordination of services.
Issue:	Mental Health and Addictions
Primary Department:	Manitoba Mental Health
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body:	June 30, 2022
	July 13, 2021
	June 30, 2020
	December 31, 2019

	June 30, 2019
2. Compliance Determination	
Partially Compliant 0.50	Actions taken only implement part of the recommendation. Important requirements have been met and the recommendation is acted upon, however, deficiencies remain.
Self-Assessment	Limitedly Compliant
Previous Compliance Determination	Limitedly Compliant
3. Rationale for Determination	
<i>(How did you reach this compliance determination)</i>	
Intent 1: Implement Virgo recommendation 5.4: establish a concerted cross-sectoral process to reduce perceived and real jurisdictional boundaries that prevent access and coordination of services.	
2022	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health reported the Huddle Manitoba Expansion: an investment of \$1.05M annually which will create five additional integrated youth services hubs. It reported this effort is to ensure mental health services are accessible within jurisdictions with no or limited accessibility prior to the establishment of these hubs. The jurisdictions for the Huddle expansion include Brandon, Selkirk, and three new sites in Winnipeg. • Four of the five new hubs are operational as of May 2022, and the Selkirk location is in a soft-launch phase and set to launch later in 2022. Mental Health reported additional funding of \$342K for the provision of emergency psychiatry assessments to rural and First Nations communities which currently lack access. Like the Huddle Manitoba Expansion, this initiative seeks to reduce jurisdictional barriers to access mental health services. These initiatives, however, are not specifically designed for children and youth. • Mental Health reported that there is now a new portfolio under the Shared Health program. It reported that the new position, Manager of Mental Health and Addictions Intake, will improve coordination of child and youth intake. 	
2021	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba Health and Seniors Care (MHSC) reported the new department of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery was established in January 2021. 	
2020	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan's Principle Working Group continued to meet in the early part of 2020. • A meeting with federal officials to get an update on the implementation of Jordan's Principle occurred in January 2020. 	
2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to the Prime Minister inviting the Manitoba and federal governments to participate in a tripartite Jordan's Principle Equity Roundtable. This letter was responded to by Minister Clarke who welcomed further discussion. • The development of the Jordan's Principle working group and the efforts made to meet with federal officials, including the Prime Minister, demonstrate that activities are occurring to assess the coordination of services and the reduction of jurisdictional boundaries. It remains unclear, however, what the specific goals of the Jordan's Principle working group entail and how this work will help improve access to and coordination of services. 	

Analysis Summary: Overall, clear steps towards the implementation of the recommendation have been taken, including the creation of a new portfolio, additional funding, and the Huddle expansion. This recommendation, however, will remain open until the full execution of the plans for expansion are known, the activities of the new portfolio, Manager of Mental Health and Addictions Intake, Coordination and Crisis Services are in place, and evidence has been provided for how these initiatives enhance cross-sectoral support for children and youth. As such, at this time, this recommendation is partially compliant.